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National Health Survey

NATIONAL HEALTH SURVEY

Summary results from the 2001 National Health Survey (NHS) will be published in **National Health Survey: Summary of Results, 2001** (Cat. no. 4364.0) due for release in October 2002. The NHS collected information about the health status of Australians, their use of

health services and facilities and health-related aspects of their lifestyle. Topics include general health and wellbeing, long-term medical conditions and recent injuries; visits to hospitals and day clinics; consultations with doctors, dentists and other health professionals; and use of medications and immunisation. A range of state tables are also planned for release on the ABS Web Site following the release of the summary publication. For more information contact Darren Evans on 1800 060 050, email health@abs.gov.au.

2002 General Social Survey

2002 GENERAL SOCIAL SURVEY

Enumeration of the 2002 General Social Survey (GSS) was completed at the end of July 2002. The GSS, which is the first survey of its type conducted by the ABS, has a different focus from other ABS household surveys. Rather than concentrating in detail on a particular area of social concern, the GSS will provide a wide range of information about the same individuals. This will make it possible to explore linkages between areas of social concern, for instance multiple social disadvantage across various aspects of peoples' lives. Both national and state level estimates will be available from the survey. Preparations are underway for the initial publication, **General Social Survey, Australia** (Cat. no. 4159.0), expected for release in April 2003. For more information contact Graeme Groves on (02) 6252 5943, email graeme.groves@abs.gov.au.

Indigenous Social Survey

INDIGENOUS SOCIAL SURVEY

Enumeration of the first Indigenous Social Survey (ISS) will be undertaken between August and December this year. Information will be collected by personal interview from approximately 12,000 Indigenous people aged 15 years and over throughout Australia, including those living in remote and very remote areas. The ISS will provide a range of information relating to the social, economic and cultural participation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The ISS will allow the exploration of relationships between issues such as health, housing, education and employment. It will also share some data items with the 2002 General Social Survey (GSS) and the 1994 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Survey (NATSIS). These links will enable comparative evaluations of the current wellbeing of Indigenous people in Australia. For more information contact Grazyna Majchrzak-Hamilton on (02) 6252 5055, email graz.hamilton@abs.gov.au.

Regional Information Sessions

REGIONAL INFORMATION SESSIONS

The Economic and Population Statistics Unit is proposing to undertake a series of

information sessions aimed at non-metropolitan NSW government agencies around regional NSW. Modules about the ABS and our statistics, including the 2001 Census; demographic concepts; accessing ABS and other data; and the ABS Web Site would be presented. For more information contact Jill Tomlinson on (02) 9268 4123, email jill.tomlinson@abs.gov.au.

Understanding Demographic Data

UNDERSTANDING DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

A one day seminar on Understanding Demographic Data will be held in the ABS NSW Office on Thursday 24th October 2002. The seminar aims to help participants better understand demographic trends and better utilise demographic data. It provides awareness of demographic data produced by the ABS and gives an introduction to techniques which enable comparisons of demographic data between regions and over time. The seminar costs \$342 (GST inc.) per participant. This includes course notes, additional information sheets, a copy of the latest Australian Demographic Statistics, morning and afternoon tea and a light lunch. For more information contact Katy White on (02) 9268 4436, email katy.white@abs.gov.au.

Social Trends Seminar Series

SOCIAL TRENDS SEMINAR SERIES

Social Trends Seminars will be run in most State offices in October and November 2002. These seminars will highlight issues covered in this year's edition of **Australian Social Trends, 2002** (Cat. no. 4102.0), and will discuss current broad social trends in a range of areas, including population, family, health, education, work and economic wellbeing. Usually one hour in duration, with half an hour for questions, the Social Trends Seminars are informative and cross-cutting. For more information contact Denise Carlton on (02) 6252 7187, email denise.carlton@abs.gov.au.

Regional Statistics

REGIONAL STATISTICS

Population Target Groups for Local Government Areas were released in August 2002. Containing a wide range of regional statistics from both ABS and other government agencies, this issue includes updates from first release Census data. Key target groups are: children; youth; older people; women; Indigenous people; people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and people with a disability. For more information contact Elizabeth Edwards on (02) 9268 4562, email elizabeth.edwards@abs.gov.au.

Land Management and Salinity Survey 2002

LAND MANAGEMENT AND SALINITY SURVEY 2002

The Land Management and Salinity Survey 2002 is being conducted for the first time by the ABS. This survey is linked to the 2001 Agricultural Census, which included two questions on salinity, and will collect more detailed information on salinity and salinity management. Information will be collected on activities already undertaken by farmers to manage or prevent salinity and the factors that influence land management decisions on farms. The survey has the support of a range of Commonwealth and State/Territory government agencies as well as the Australian Local Government Association. Data will be produced at the national, state and territory, and regional levels (National Action Plan regions, of which there are 7 either wholly or partly in NSW). Summary information will be available in an ABS publication to be released in the first half of 2003. For more information contact Adam Sincock on (02) 6252 6766, email adam.sincock@abs.gov.au.

Supplement to Mineral Exploration Survey - Cost of Land Access 2001-02

SUPPLEMENT TO MINERAL EXPLORATION SURVEY - COST OF LAND ACCESS 2001-02

A new, one-off collection on the costs of land access to the mineral exploration sector is being conducted by the ABS, with reference to the 2001-02 financial year. Costs of land access has been identified by the mining industry as the most important area for which information is needed. This stems from the belief that Australia's diminishing mineral exploration levels can be partly attributed to mineral exploration land access issues. Results from the survey are expected to be published in mid 2003, with limited state data available. For more information contact Ashley Heddle on (02) 6252 7808, email a.heddle@abs.gov.au.

Small Business in Australia

SMALL BUSINESS IN AUSTRALIA

Small Business in Australia, 2001 (Cat no. 1321.0) will be released on 10 September 2002. The publication provides estimates of the number of small businesses and employment on a state and industry basis. Statistics on business bankruptcies, business performance, characteristics of non-employing small businesses, and detailed profiles on small businesses in the goods producing and service providing industries are also presented. For more information contact Chris Price on (02) 6252 5746, email chris.price@abs.gov.au.

2001 Census

2001 CENSUS

The 2001 edition of the publication **Census of Population and Housing: Selected Social and Housing Characteristics for Statistical Local Areas, New South Wales and Jervis Bay** (Cat. no. 2015.1) is expected to be released on 12 September 2002. It contains population counts and selected person, family and dwelling characteristics for all Statistical Local Areas, Statistical Subdivisions and Statistical Divisions within NSW and Jervis Bay; ranking tables; commentary and comparisons; Usual Residence counts; selected 1996 Census data for comparison; the first release Basic Community Profile (BCP) at state level; and reference maps. For more information contact the ABS National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070, email client.services@abs.gov.au.

The first release of CDATE 2001 is expected on 26 September 2002. CDATE 2001 is a CD-ROM product which provides a large volume of Census small area data (from Collection District level) combined with digital geographic boundaries and location based data (using MapInfo). New for the 2001 Census, users now have the choice of two CDATE 2001 product options which offer different levels of functionality and flexible pricing. For more information contact Danielle Bouvier on (02) 9268 4636, email danielle.bouvier@abs.gov.au.

The 2001 Census second release variables for customised data will be available from 4 September 2002, excluding Journey to Work hierarchies which will be available for dissemination from 16 September. The standard Basic Community Profile (BCP) and the Indigenous Profile (IP) will be available from 19 November 2002. Free BCPs are available to the Statistical Local Area level and free IPs are available to the Indigenous Area level on the ABS Web Site at www.abs.gov.au. For more information contact the ABS National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070, email client.services@abs.gov.au.

The Economic and Population Statistics Unit is continuing to undertake a series of presentations on the 2001 Census for NSW Government agencies, tailored to their particular interests. Each presentation contains a general overview of the Census, looks at data of interest to the agency and covers the ABS suite of Census products and services, in particular those available on the ABS Web Site. If NSW agencies within Sydney are interested in such a presentation please contact Jill Tomlinson on (02) 9268 4123, email jill.tomlinson@abs.gov.au.

Digital Boundaries

DIGITAL BOUNDARIES

Digital boundaries enable users of mapping software to visualise areas of interest or to map data thematically. Digital boundaries for Urban Centres/Localities (UC/Ls) and for Sections of State (SOS) will be released on 30 September 2002. Digital boundaries for other hierarchies within the Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC), 2001 Edition are already available. For users who do not have access to mapping software, full colour A3 maps of Statistical Local Areas (SLAs) for the ASGC 2001 Edition are available for purchase. These maps show all Collection Districts (CDs) within an SLA, as well as basic topographic detail such as roads, rivers and railways. Maps of individual CDs are also available. Maps may be purchased from the ABS Web Site. However, to order large

numbers of maps (a service charge will apply), or to purchase digital boundary products, contact the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070, email client.services@abs.gov.au.

Directory of Culture and Leisure Statistics

DIRECTORY OF CULTURE AND LEISURE STATISTICS

The **Directory of Culture and Leisure Statistics** (Cat. no. 1143.0.55.001) was released on the ABS Web Site on 13 August 2002. The key aims of the directory are to provide a quick and easy reference to ABS sources of culture and leisure data, and information about the extent of data available from each data collection. Entries also provide information on contact details, the scope, frequency and history of a collection and the major publications that present data from the collection. The Directory of Culture and Leisure Statistics is a free Web-based product. From the ABS Web Site (www.abs.gov.au) click on **About Statistics**, then **Directory of Statistical Sources**, open the twistie next to **About the Directory of Statistical Sources**, and click on **Other ABS Directories**. For more information contact Heather Latz on (08) 8237 7484, or email nccrs@abs.gov.au.

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SPREAD THE NEWS ELECTRONICALLY

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2. Go to the ABS Web Site. Choose News from the menu bar, then go to Newsletters. You can access current and previous copies of **Statistics News NSW**, as well as many other ABS newsletters.

Selected Releases June to August 2002

SELECTED RELEASES JUNE TO AUGUST 2002

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For the National Information and Referral Service call 1300 135 070.

2001.0	Census of Population and Housing: Basic Community Profile, 2001 (\$0.00)
2002.0	Census of Population and Housing: Indigenous Profile, 2001 (\$0.00)
2015.0	Census of Population and Housing: Selected Social and Housing Characteristics, Australia, 2001 (\$37.00)
4102.0	Australian Social Trends, 2002 (\$50.00)
4705.0	Population Distribution, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 2001 (\$32.00)
8635.1.40.001	Tourist Accommodation, Small Area Data, New South Wales, March 2002 (\$53.00)
1216.0.15.001	Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC) Electronic Files, July 2002 (\$81.00)
8109.0	Research and Experimental Development, Government and Private Non-Profit Organisations, Australia, 2000-01 (\$22.00)
8684.0	Gambling Industries, Australia, 2000-01 (\$19.50)
3218.0	Regional Population Growth, Australia and New Zealand, 1991 to 2001 (\$31.00)
3235.1.55.001	Population by Age and Sex, New South Wales – Electronic Delivery, June 2001 (\$85.00)
5673.0	Experimental Estimates, Regional Wage and Salary Earner Statistics, Australia, 1995-96 to 1998-99 (\$10.00)
4809.0.55.001 New	Information Paper: Drug-induced Deaths – A Guide to ABS Causes of Death Data (\$0.00)
6345.0	Wage Cost Index, Australia, June 2002 (\$19.50)
1375.0 New	Discussion Paper: Measuring a Knowledge-based Economy and Society – An Australian Framework (\$21.00)
5501.1.55.001 New	Government Financial Estimates, New South Wales, Electronic Delivery, 2002-03 (\$10.00)
8731.1	Building Approvals, New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory, June 2002 (\$21.00)

Selected Expected Releases September and October 2002

SELECTED EXPECTED RELEASES SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2002	
Release dates for publications can be obtained from the ABS Web Site. On the Welcome Page go to Information on releases.	
2015.1	Census of Population and Housing: Selected Social and Housing Characteristics for Statistical Local Areas, New South Wales and Jervis Bay, 2001 (\$33.00)
5679.0 New	Information Paper: Use of Individual Income Tax Data on a Remoteness Framework, Experimental Estimates, 1995-96 to 1998-99 (\$10.00)
4611.0	Environment Expenditure, Local Government, Australia, 2000-01 (\$23.00)

1321.0	Small Business in Australia, 2001 (\$41.00)
5675.0	Experimental Estimates, Regional Small Business Statistics, Australia, 1995-96 to 1999-00 (\$22.00)
4613.0	Australia's Environment: Issues and Trends, 2002 (\$40.00)
4364.0	National Health Survey: Summary of Results, 2001 (\$32.00)
4715.0 New	National Health Survey: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Results, Australia, 2001 (\$30.00)
8415.0	Mining Operations, Australia, 2000-01 (\$29.00)
8221.0	Manufacturing Industry, Australia, 2000-01 (\$23.00)
3318.0 New	Mortality Atlas, Australia, 1997 to 2000 (\$50.00)

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